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To: People Interested in the McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project

Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) has finalized the enclosed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project. In March, we sent you the draft EIS, asked for your comments and had three public meetings. The response was great; we received about 350 comments on the draft document. Thank you for taking the time to read the document and tell us your ideas. This letter briefly describes the final EIS, outlines our next steps and tells where to call if you have questions.

The final EIS is *abbreviated*, consisting of an introduction to the document, changes to the draft EIS, copies of all comments received on the draft EIS, and our written responses to those comments. This final EIS should be used as a companion document to the draft EIS (dated February 2002), which contains the full text of the affected environment, environmental analysis, and appendices.

Schedule: Based on the public comments we have received and the analysis in the final EIS, Bonneville expects to make a decision, documented in a Record of Decision, on the actions for this project in early October 2002. The Record of Decision will be made available to the public and sent to those on the mailing list. If the decision is to proceed with the project, construction of portions of the line could begin as early as fall 2002, with completion of the project by fall 2004.

For More Information: If you would like additional copies of this final EIS or of the draft EIS, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming the McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project, the documents you would like, your name, and your complete mailing address. Information about this project is also available on our website at www.efw.bpa.gov (click on Active Environmental Projects). If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-888-276-7790, or e-mail me at gobeck@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theresa Berry for 8-23-2002

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Enclosure:
Final EIS

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